GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ALLEGED MISUSE OF MEDICAL PROFESSION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain doctors are allegedly misusing their medical profession by amputating parts of the body to encourage begging as reported in the Hindi daily 'Dainik Jagran' dated July 30, 2006;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has any proposals to assess the alleged nexus between such doctors and beggars;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against the doctors found guilty; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents/practice?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (f) The Indian Medical Council (Professional conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 regulates the professional conduct of doctors. In the event of any doctor displaying proposal misconduct, suitable action is taken under the provisions of the said Regulation.

The MCI has informed that the Doctors alleged to be involved in maiming of the healthy people have been summoned by the Ethics Committee of MCI.